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SUBJ: ARRESTS OF NEWSMEN IN CAPE TOWN AND JOHANNESBURG

1. PRESS HAS REPORTED ARREST YESTERDAY OF PATRICK WEECH, SUB-EDITOR OF RAND DAILY MAIL, AND HARRY MASHABELA, REPORTER ON JOHANNESBURG STAR. THEIR ARRESTS COME LESS THAN A DAY AFTER DETENTION OF CAPE ARGUS JOURNALIST, DAVID RABKIN, AND CAPE TIMES REPORTER, ANTHONY HOLIDAY. ALONG WITH LATTER TWO UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN LECTURER, JEREMY CRONIN, AND RABKIN'S WIFE, SUSAN, WERE ALSO ARRESTED.

2. AUTHORITIES HAVE REFUSED COMMENT ON ARRESTS. WEECH AND MASHABELA HAVE ONLY BEEN DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING, HOWEVER, WHEREAS THOSE IN CAPE TOWN HAVE BEEN TAKEN UNDER SECTION SIX OF TERRORISM ACT. THERE IS NO INDICATION YET OF POSSIBLE CONNECTION OF THESE DETENTIONS WITH ANY RECENT EVENTS.
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